Lobes nine or ten pairs, of an oval ſhape, deflected, loweſt pairs largeſt, divided down to the nerve; the others gradually run together at the extremity, and loſe themſelves in the point of the third leaf, all of them ſerrated and ſpiny on the edges.

Seed veſſels placed in round dots in the back of the lobes, two or three on each near the diviſions; they are at firſt white, afterwards brown, and at laſt turn blackiſh.

VARIETIES.

There are two varieties of this plant; one, in which the loweſt pair only of ſecond leaves are ſo ſubdivided as to produce third leaves having diſtinct divided lobes. From a ſpecimen of this kind my figure was taken. In the other variety, ſeveral of the lower pairs of ſecond leaves are thus ſubdivided.

Mr. Hudſon ſeems to ſuſpect that the Polipodium rheticum is a ſmall variety of this plant.

Creſted Polipody grows from the chinks of moiſt rocks and old walls in ſteep and craggy woods every where in the pariſh of Halifax; particularly in Birks Wood, and Lee Bank ſhrogs, abundantly.

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